

661—310.3 (103A) Submission of projects.

310.3(1) *Approval of building code commissioner required.* Approval of a construction project as sustainably designed pursuant to these rules may be granted only by the building code commissioner. All requests for approval of a project as sustainably designed must be submitted to the Building Code Bureau, Fire Marshal Division, Iowa Department of Public Safety, 215 East 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

310.3(2) *Building code approval required.* No building construction project shall be approved as a sustainably designed project pursuant to these rules unless construction plans for the project have been approved by the building code commissioner as meeting the state building code or by a local building department as meeting the applicable local building code.

310.3(3) *Projects subject to state building code.* If approval as a sustainably designed project is requested for a project that is otherwise subject to the state building code, the submission materials required by 661—Chapter 300 shall include a statement that approval for the project as sustainably designed is being requested.

310.3(4) *Projects subject to local building codes.* If approval from the building code commissioner is sought for a project that is subject to a local building code and code enforcement, construction plans shall be submitted to the building code bureau as provided in 661—Chapter 300, with a cover letter stating that approval of the project as a sustainably designed project is being requested and that the project has been submitted for review to the local building department. Evidence of approval of the construction plans by the local building department shall be submitted to the building code bureau prior to issuance of the commissioner's approval of the project as a sustainably designed project.

310.3(5) *Projects not otherwise subject to state or local building codes.* If approval as a sustainably designed project is sought for a building construction project that is otherwise not subject to the state building code or a local building code, construction plans for the project shall be submitted to the building code bureau and the project shall be subject to the state building code and to procedures and fees for review of construction plans and inspections as provided in 661—Chapter 300. The cover letter transmitted with the plans shall state that approval as a sustainably designed project is being requested and that the project is not subject to a local building code enforced by a local jurisdiction.

310.3(6) *Application form.* A completed application form prescribed by the commissioner shall be included with the submission of the construction plans for review of any project for which approval as a sustainably designed project is requested.